



## George Patrick Cotton

October 30, 1964 - March 13, 2023

Cotton, George Patrick Born October 30th, 1964, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Johnny B Cotton and Hattie L Cotton, he was the first born and the tallest of all his siblings. George spent his toddler years in Mississippi and often referred to himself as a "country boy." He was raised in Chicago, Illinois, where he attended Enrico Fermi Elementary and Hyde Park High School. George enjoyed being outside with his friends as a child and spent a lot of adult time in downtown Minneapolis. He was a hardworking man who loved his many jobs over the years until he couldn't work anymore. City bus and cars rides were his favorite things to do, along with seeing all the animals at the local zoos. He enjoyed watching basketball (Lynx), football (Bears), WWE, and "Gun Smoke." A very creative man, he loved coloring books. He was always down to draw. George aka "Show Down" lived up to his name. He was a protector, especially when it came to women. He had ambition, always going for what he wanted in life. He always spoke his mind and kept it real. George spent the last 20 years of his life in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and always said if it wasn't for Angela Morris he would not know where he would be in life. With her help, he survived a heart attack and two open heart surgeries. He remained strong despite having a bad heart; it did not stop him. George made his transition on Monday, March 13, 2023. Preceded by death by his father Johnny, brother Johnny, and daughter Latisha. He leaves to cherish his moments with his mother Hattie; his brothers Larry, Grady, Malcom, and Gregory; sisters Latanya, Alisha, Marion, and Kia; and his seven kids,

especially Jonai Morris-Cotton. He also befriended too many downtown folks to be named, along with grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews, and aunties and uncles. Viewing services at Washburn McReavy Glen Haven Chapel March 31 at 2:00. Services to follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Chapel Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ I'm going to miss you, buddy. We've come a long way since meeting on the train platform. I put a lot of miles on my car going back and forth to Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park, but it was all worth it to spend some time with you. When you moved to the Southside, I finally had a chance to meet up with you regularly. I looked forward to Saturday breakfast on Lake St. I also enjoyed hot chocolate at the Caribou on Nicollet Mall and lunch in City Center. A lot of other people knew you downtown. Rebecca in my office said, "I also knew George from my days on the Greenline and walking to the office. He was a bright spot on the way to work." And Sharon said, "I do indeed recognize him. He always had a smile for everyone. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend his funeral."

You were my best friend over the past few years. I spent more time with you than anyone else (except my wife, and you always looked out for her by telling me to get on home). You called me your brother and I felt the same way. I'm going to miss our time together. You won't be able to see my dancing at the Lynx games. You were the only person other than my wife who kept up with the team. I loved it when you laughed at this crazy white man screaming and dancing at games. Good times!

So long, Old School. You kept it real and taught me a lot of lessons about life. you were good people, George. Your memory will be kept alive in my heart and stories. Be at peace, Brother.

---

Sam Catanzaro - March 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM